

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - (a) communicating on demand, from an information server through a wide area network to a device connected to the wide area network information from a database populated by a multiplicity of entries denoting availability for a venue;
 - (b) displaying the information such that an end user connected to the wide area network can view the information on a client node unaffiliated with the server as an aid in determining a ~~best then available space~~ specific individual seat conforming to a need of the end user;
 - (c) providing over the wide area network to the end user the capability of interactively selecting ~~one of a time, a space, and a seat of choice~~ the specific individual seat;
 - (d) accepting over the wide area network from the end user a payment for ~~one of the time, the space, and the seat selection of choice~~;
 - (e) returning over the wide area network to the end user verification of the successful completion of the payment.
2. (Currently Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein the ~~space, the time, and seat~~ sought is for a theater or theater type setting.
3. (Currently Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein the ~~space, the time, and the seat~~ sought is for a stadium type setting.
4. (Currently Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein the ~~space or time or seat or seating~~ sought is for an airplane or airliner.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes one of a wire, a cable, and a telephone line connection.
- 7-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a satellite link.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a wireless link.

17. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 2 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user is wireless.

18-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving at a server a request for a venue from at least one client node remote from and unaffiliated with the server;

transmitting from the server an indication of specific availability corresponding to one or more specific individual seats in the venue responsive to the request, the indication of specific availability directed to the client node;

receiving at the server a specific indication of a client preference identifying a particular individual seat for purchase ~~at the server~~;

removing the client preference from any future indication of specific availability.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, ~~wherein the specific availability includes seating~~, further comprising:

retrieving from a database an image showing a view from a the seat indicated by the client preference;

transmitting the image to the client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of specific availability includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the graphical representation shows availability seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in a second representation.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of the specific availability is transmitted as one of a hypertext markup language page and a java applet.
28. (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising:
linking the representation of a seat to an image of a view from that seat.
29. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:
accepting payment information at the server sufficient to permit access to the specific client preference;
conducting an electronic payment transaction; and
providing an electronic receipt.
30. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
requesting information about a venue across a wide area network (WAN) from a client node to be supplied by an unaffiliated server node;
receiving an indication of ~~specific availability~~ available individual seats in the venue for purchase at the client node;
selecting from a ~~plurality of specific availability options~~ the individual seats a specific client preference seat for purchase; and
receiving an indication that the ~~specific client preference seat~~ specific client preference seat has been reserved through the server node.
31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 wherein the indication of ~~specific availability~~ available individual seats includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the graphical representation shows available seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in a second representation.
32. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein selecting comprises:
clicking on a desired seat.
33. (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising:
receiving an image of a view from the desired seat responsive to the clicking.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
supplying payment information for the specific-client-preference seat; and
receiving an electronic receipt sufficient to permit access to the specific-client
preference seat.